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United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

V.

11-MJ-532 JSM

(01) VICTOR MANUEL VALENS
(02) JOSE EDUARDO SANCHEZ
(03) LOURDES PATRICIA DURKIN

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

and belief. On or about December 1 to December 9, 2011, to in Ramsey County, in the State and District of Minnesota
defendants did

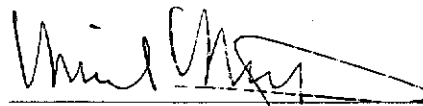
conspire to possess with intent to distribute cocaine

in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Section(s) 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A) and 846.

I further state that I am a(n) DEA Task Force Officer and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No



Signature of Complainant

Michael F. Meyer
DEATF

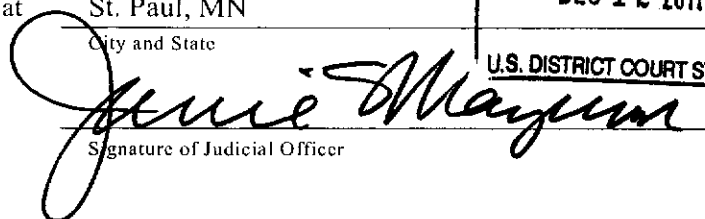
Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

12/12/11
Date

The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

at St. Paul, MN
City and State



Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF RAMESEY) ss. **AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL F. MEYER**

1. I am a Task Force Agent (TFO) with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and have been so assigned for approximately 3 years. I am currently employed by the City of Saint Paul Police Department ("SPPD"). I have been in law enforcement for approximately 13 years. For the past seven and one-half years, I have worked in the SPPD Narcotics Unit investigating drug cases. In my capacity as a TFO with the DEA, I am responsible for the enforcement of the laws of the United States of America, including laws relating to drug enforcement. During my law enforcement career, I have conducted investigations into the unlawful possession, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of controlled substances, and the associated conspiracies. I have been involved in several hundred drug investigations.

2. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a Complaint against the following individuals charging them with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § § 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A) and 846:

- (a) Victor Manuel Valens (Valens)
- (b) Jose Eduardo Sanchez (Sanchez)
- (c) Lourdes Patricia Durkin (Durkin)

The facts set forth herein are based on my review of police reports, as well as conversations I have had with other law enforcement personnel.

3. On or about December 1, 2011, law enforcement in Miami, Florida intercepted a package that was sent from Lima, Peru to the United States via courier. That package contained twenty four (24) packages, each of which consisted of: a soccer shirt, socks and a small backpack, each had a type of team logo on it. Law enforcement subsequently searched one of those packages. Law enforcement discovered that sewn inside the seams of each of the backpacks was approximately twenty one (21) individually sealed packets, each containing approximately seven (7) grams of cocaine, for a total of approximately one hundred, forty seven (147) grams. The other twenty three (23) packages were x-rayed. It was determined by law enforcement that each package (within the seam of the backpacks) contained approximately the same amount of cocaine, for a total of approximately three and one half (3 ½) kilos.

4. Law enforcement interviewed the courier and it was determined at that time the courier was not aware of what was contained inside the packages. The courier agreed to assist law enforcement by making a recorded call to the telephone of the person who was to come to pick up the package.

5. On or about December 5, 2011, law enforcement set up audio/video surveillance inside the courier's residence (place of business). A short time later an older male (later identified as: Victor Manuel Valens) arrived at the couriers residence. During the

audio/video surveillance the courier told Valens he was now aware of what was contained inside the package and showed Valens the small packets of cocaine. Valens and the courier agreed they should be paid more money for transporting this type of package. Valens initially told the courier he did not know what the packages contained, however, after seeing the packets of cocaine, Valens told the courier he had to take the package anyhow and would get the courier more money.

6. As Valens attempted to leave with the package he was subsequently arrested.

7. After Valens was arrested and advised of his Miranda rights, it was determined by law enforcement that the end destination for this package was: 4414 Galtier Street, Shoreview, MN. This address is the residence of Jose Eduardo Sanchez. It was also determined by law enforcement that another person involved in procuring the cocaine from Peru, was a Hispanic female who was subsequently identified as: Lourdes Patricia Durkin. Durkin lives in St. Paul, MN

8. During the week of December 5, 2011, TFO Meyer obtained information that led to determine enough probable cause for a search warrant for 4414 Galtier Street, Shoreview, MN. This warrant was reviewed and signed by the Honorable Ramsey County Judge James H. Clark on December 9, 2011.

9. On December 9, 2011, law enforcement established surveillance on 4414 Galtier Street, Shoreview, MN. There were vehicles familiar to law enforcement at this address at this time. Those vehicles belonged to Durkin and Sanchez. A short time after surveillance was established, a silver SUV pulled into the driveway at that address. Valens was the driver of that SUV. Valens got out of the SUV and was met by Sanchez. The bag containing the twenty four packages with a total of approximately three (3) kilos sewn in the seams was brought inside the residence.

10. Approximately fifteen (15) minutes later, law enforcement executed the search warrant at that residence.

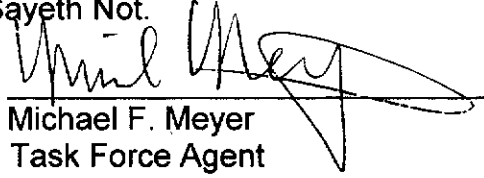
11. During the execution of the search warrant, law enforcement discovered four people inside the residence. They were identified as: Durkin, Sanchez, Valens and Phillip Mitchell Romero. Law enforcement later determined that Romero was just visiting and had no knowledge of what was contained in the packages.

12. While searching the residence, law enforcement located the packages containing the cocaine in the downstairs bedroom of Sanchez. Law enforcement had to force the door to Sanchez' bedroom, as it was locked. All the packages were laid out, as if someone wanted to make sure they were all there.

13. After the residence was secure, TFO Meyer, St. Paul PD Ofc. Rigo Aguirre, and Homeland Security SA Chris Rodriguez interviewed Durkin. Durkin was read her Miranda rights and agreed to speak with law enforcement. Durkin told law enforcement she was the person who ordered the cocaine from Peru via cell phone.

Durkin said she was paid by Jose Sanchez to make the arrangement, but stated she never sold any of the product. Durkin also told law enforcement Victor Valens was the one who transported the cocaine from Florida to Minnesota on more than one occasion.

Further Your Affiant Sayeth Not.



Michael F. Meyer
Task Force Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to Before Me

This 24th day of December, 2011



Janie S. Mayeron
United States Magistrate Judge